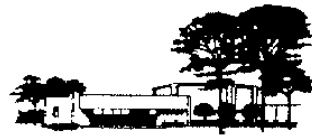


Congregation Ohav Sholom

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Dear Friends:

As the current fiscal year draws to a close on June 30th, so will service of our current elected synagogue officers. I've been asked to serve as the chairman of the nominating committee. Our task will be to meet with each of the current officers to determine the role they would like to play in their continued service to the synagogue. Likewise, we will be meeting with current members of the Board of Trustees to determine where their talents and interests can best serve Ohav Sholom and if they can fill any vacancies on the Executive Board.

Here's where you come in and my reason for writing. While I may know many of you, rarely do we ever have to opportunity to discuss your interests in playing a bigger part in the running of our synagogue. Please accept this letter as my invitation for you to contact me so we can chat about the areas of synagogue life you would like to become involved in. To assist you, I have listed below many of the current standing committees that are always looking for new members:

- Ritual
- Education
- Youth Activities
- Membership
- Fund Raising
- Finance and Budget
- Constitution and By-Laws
- Sickness and Visitation
- House and Property
- Catering
- Insurance
- Bingo
- Journal and Journal Dinner
- Kol Nidre Appeal
- Library

In addition, the terms of ten current members of the Board of Trustees will come to an end on June 30th and the nominating committee will be looking for candidates from the congregation at large to fill these positions.

Please call or email me if you would like to work on a committee or if you would like to be considered for a position on the Board of Trustees. Overseeing the operations of Congregation Ohav Sholom is not the job of just a select few. It requires the input, talent, support and dedication of many who have the unified goal of making Jewish life in Merrick a rich and meaningful experience.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ira Kolko'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'I'.

Ira Kolko
Nominating Committee Chairman